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ANOTHER DARK BLOT ON AMERICAN HISTORY

THE "MIDNIGHT RAMBLERS" FOR BOOSTERS' FUND

Monster Benefit Show With 100 Performers, 30 Musicians and 20 Big Acts Will Be Given At The Booker Washington Theatre, Saturday Night, Dec. 15. Program Starts at Midnight.

TO PUT THE FUN IN FUNSTON

Every Thing Donated. Entire Proceeds Go To Purchase Tobacco and Other Things For All The St. Louis Boys Drafted Into The Army.

"The Midnight Ramblers," a monster show and a big novelty to St. Louisans, will be given at the Booker Washington Theatre, Saturday night, Dec. 15. The performance will start at midnight and the entire proceeds will go to the Booster's Fund for purchasing tobacco and other things for the 588 St. Louis boys who have been drafted into the army and are now at Camp Funston. Mr. Turpin has donated the theatre, pictures, orchestra, B. W. performers and help, for the occasion.

The program will be the longest ever arranged for a single entertainment. There will be 100 performers, 30 musicians and 20 big acts. It will open at 12 o'clock with special feature motion pictures and a musical program by the Booker Washington Theatre orchestra. This will be followed by an overture by an augmented orchestra of 30 pieces, and a grand chorus ensemble of 50 voices (using Rossitter's publications.) Other acts in the bill will be a tabloid by Booker Washington performers and ten sketches by entertainers from the following cabarets: Keystone, Collins, Moody, Market Inn, [illegible] Manhattan, Boogs and Mornat's. Twelve song boosters from the following musical publishing houses will introduce new melodies: Leo Feist, Joe Morris and The Watterson Berlin-Snyder Companies. The show will close with a grand musical finale by all performers.

The chorus will be under the direction of Tom Turpin; the orchestra, under the direction of James Harris and the cabaret acts under Reynolds and "Spec" Robinson. All the professionals, in the city at the time, will take part and all service given gratis. Chas. A. Mills is president of the Booster's Club and W. Silas Fearance is secretary. The admission will only be 15c to any part of the house and tickets will be on sale in advance.

3 NEW COUNCILS FOR A. U. K. & D. OF A.

Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa Making Rapid Strides In Organizing Department Under Special Supervision of Their Hard Working National Grand Master, Wm. Herbert Fields.

Grand Master Fields of the A. U. K. & D. of A., last week, assisted by Mrs. Ada Harris, State Grand Queen of Missouri; Mrs. Dora Cannon, State Grand Queen of Illinois; National District Deputy Ella L. Holmes, National Grand Queen, Ida P. Thaddeus, and National Grand Princess, Leane Dixon, all of Chicago, Illinois, organized three councils in Chicago, making twelve in that city and two more to follow before the close of the year. The Grand Master on his return from Chicago stopped over in Springfield, Ill., where he added ten new members to the council there. Saturday night, Dec. 1st, he set up a council at Crystal City, Mo., and installed Mrs. Sarah V. Bean, principal of the Crystal City Colored school, the Most Excellent Queen of the new council. The Grand Master reports all District Deputies in Chicago as well as the National Grand Officers of the same city are doing a great work for the A. U. K. and D. of A., which stands for the betterment of the race morally, socially and industrially.

CAMP GRANT OFFICERS EXPECT TO BE HOME XMAS

Lieutenants Lowe, Co. A.; Fearing, Co. B.; and Stewart, Co. F.; St. Louis officers at Camp Grant expect to spend Xmas holidays at home and will have interesting "war stories" to relate to their friends. About four-fifths of the entire camp went to Chicago, Dec. 1, to see the football game between Camp Custer and Camp Grant. Many Chicagoans visited the camp Thanksgiving. A big dinner was served in each battalion and a dance was given.

FATE OF SIXTY-THREE COLORED SOLDIERS IS SEALED

San Antonio, Nov. 30—A verdict has been reached in the court-martial of the sixty-three Colored soldiers of the 24th Infantry, charged with murder, mutiny and rioting as a result of the uprising at Houston, August 23, last.

The verdict will be reviewed before being made public.

BOOSTERS GOOVER

Raise $505 in Two Weeks. Money Still Coming In. Expect Amount to Double.

The Boosters crosed the bar in their campaign for $500 to buy tobacco and other comforts for the drafted boys at Camp Funston when they met at Keystone cafe on Sunday afternoon, December 2nd, after their monster parade.

When Mr. Chas. A. Mills, the chairman, was interviewed he stated "I knew we could do it and we are going to do more. I was assured that as soon as the general public became acquainted with the work we were trying to do in behalf of our Colored boys that they would rally to our support. We have reached the goal in just fifteen days and the general public is just now really acquainted with our plans. We are getting up this fund for all the Colored drafted boys from St. Louis located at Camp Funston. No particular ward but for all. The secretary was next seen and he was all smiles saying "we got that $500.00 and then some and we are going to double it before Christmas. Just watch our smoke." He mentioned the fact that Lawyer Crittenden Clark was the largest individual donor to the fund.

Parade a Great Hit.

The Boosters' Parade on Sunday was a great success and was composed of over 200 boosters and two bands. Majors Joseph Marshall and Clinie Smith led the parade and were followed by the young ladies' division led by a boy and girl draped in American colors and the First Reg. Band K. of P. Mr. Henry Wilson was aid to the young ladies. The men's division was under supervision of Capt. Shackleford and was led by Chairman Chas. A. Mills, Secretary W. Silas Fearance and Committeemen Albert J. Hall, Roy Botts, Harley Walker and W. Garfield Rogers, preceded by the Odd Fellows' Cadet Band. All boosters had "mums" in their coat lapels, American flags in their hands and wore grey hats with black bands. Suitable slogans were scattered throughout the parade calling attention to the Boosters' work. In the center of the parade a large flag was carried by six young men—Messrs. Prince, McKelly, Freeman, Bruce, Penrose, and an interesting incident was that the general public threw $52.85 in this flag. Messrs. Warren Lewis, H. D. Cooper and Wiliam Gatewood were the standard bearers.

Donations Have Been Large.

On account of lack of space we can not enumerate the glorious assistance of individuals this week. Briefly, we will state: Reynolds and Robinson have worked wonders with their cabaret performances. They collected $20.01 at Collins' Cardinal Buffet and $20.70 at Moody's. The entertainers have worked nobly. The social clubs have done wonderful work. The Phi-Sigma contributed $24.22. Their president is now at Camp Funston. The Fraloho Girls have rendered valuable assistance. The Movie Theatre gave the proceeds, $20.00, from a special Matinee. The Olympia Theatre donated $20.00.

Turpin Arranges Biggest Affair.

Mr. Charles Turpin has arranged the largest affair which will be a grand climax to the big campaign. He has donated the use of his theatre, orchestra, performers and help, for a monster benefit performance at midnight on Saturday, December 15. The affair will be given by "The Midnight Ramblers." It will be the initial event of the kind in St. Louis, will include more than 100 performers and musicians and is expected to be the greatest event ever pulled off in the Mound City.

Among the list of donors have been the names of St. Louis' best families such as Mrs. Samuel C. Davis, Mrs. Magnus, Mrs. R. G. Orthwein, Mr. W. D. Orthwein, Mrs. Compton and others.

ANNUAL ELECTION

The annual meeting of the Ellerdsville Civic League, held Sunday afternoon, at St. James Church, was largely attended, and showed that organization to be in a prosperous condition.

The following named officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. James J. Meade Benson, Vice-President, Dr. C. H. Turner, Rec. Sec., Jos. L. Velar, Cor. Sec., A. J. Gossin, Treasurer, M. H. Bradshaw. Mr. John B. Vashon, who has served as president, for the past five years declined a re-election.

The following named members were chosen to serve on the board of directors for three years: W. R. Hill, M. H. Bradshaw, A. F. Gearin, John M. Benson, T. R. Crawford, Emanuel Howard, B. F. Bowles and Wm. Calhoun.

MEDICAL FORUM ELECTS OFFICERS

The St. Louis Medical Forum met in regular session Tuesday night and re-elected Dr. Chas. Henry Phillips, Jr., president; Dr. G. H. Haskins, vice-president; Dr. J. A. Simpson, treasurer; Dr. W. H. A. Barrett, secretary; Dr. Wilkerson, associate secretary. The following were elected members of the executive committee: Drs. Cheatham, Bailey, Edwards, Jaques and Walthol. Dr. G. B. Key was elected critic.

SUNDAY DEC. 16 TO BE NATIONAL DFFENSE DAY

Ministers Will Preach On "The War, How We can Help To Win It." Xmas Boxes for Soldiers.

Entertainment Planned for Jefferson Barracks. Executive Office will be Opened.

HISTORY

The Council of National Defense was created by an act of Congress and approved August 29, 1916. It is composed of the Secretaries of War, Navy, Interior, Agriculture, Commerce and Labor. The Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense was appointed on April 21, 1917, by the Council of National Defense. Mrs. B F. Bush was made Chairman for the State of Missouri and has also been appointed a member of the State Council of Defense.

Mrs. Bush organized the Colored Women's unit November 23, 1917, with the following officers:

Officers

Mrs. Victoria Clay Haley, Chairman; Miss Dorothy Guinn, Vice-Chairman; Miss Ethelyn Hoard, Secretary; Mrs. Henrietta Jones, Treasurer.

Food Conservation

Mrs. Anna Wilburn, Sumner High, center; Mrs. Ardella Morgan, Banneker, center; Miss Moore Wheatley, Y. W. C. A., center; Mrs. Mildred Anthony, Delany, center. Child Welfare—Mrs. Rosa Henderson. Liberty Loan—Miss Jessie Lee. Thrift Loan—Mrs. Sophronia Gibbs. Soldiers' Comforts—Mrs. Bessie Rouse. Magazines and Papers—Miss A. M. Williams. Membership—Mrs. Kate Poston. Industry—Mrs. Susie McKinney. New Legislation—Miss George Scott. Instruction—Miss Adams. Secy. Publicity—Mrs. Emma Price. Red Cross—Mrs. F. L. Williams. Speakers—Mrs. J. W. Meyers. Organizations—Mrs. Bertha T. Buckner. Finance—Mrs. Elizabeth Gamble. Registration—Mrs. C. H. Phillips.

The Colored Women's Unit of the Council of National Defense has set Sunday, December 16, 1917, as National Defense Day. The ministers in the city and county have agreed to co-operate and preach on the "War, and How We can Help to Win It." Lady speakers will be sent to each church on National Defense Day to co-operate with the ministers, and committees will distribute helpful War literature after the services. Each pastor is asked to name a committee of fifteen composed of the presidents of the various church organizations to represent the church in the Council of National Defense and thereby become a member of the Advisory Council of National Defense. The names and addresses of committees are to be sent to the chairman, Mrs. Victoria Clay Haley, 209 N. Jefferson Ave. as soon as possible so that each person may be assigned to one of the committees to plan for National Defense Day Program. The Council meets every Thursday night at Wheatley Branch Y. W. C. A. at 7 o'clock. Christmas boxes are now being prepared to send the soldiers by the Comforts Committee, and the Committee on Recreation is preparing to entertain the soldiers at the Barracks. Any organization desiring to co-operate notify Miss A. M. Williams, Chairman on Recreation.

Dr. J. W. McClellan has kindly loaned the front room of his suite at 209 N. Jefferson Ave. as Executive Office which will be opened soon.

Mrs. Victoria Clay Haley,
Chairman.

CITY SELLING COAL AT 16c BUSHEL

Coal is now 16 cents a bushel instead of 30, as charged by dealers who sell by the basket to small consumers, but you must buy it from the Municipal Stations and take it home yourself. The city will provide you with sacks or baskets if you have not other means of carrying it. Not more than five bushels will be sold to one person. The terms are cash. The present stations are located at:

Public bathhouse. Twenty-third and O'Fallon streets.

Gamble Playground, Garrison avenue and Gamble street.

Carr Square, Fourteenth and Wash streets.

Playground at Twenty-third and Pine streets.

Soulard Market, Eighth and Julia streets.

Buder Playground, Ewing avenue and Hickory street.

Old City Hall lot on Chestnut between 11th and 12th.

A full bushel of coal for 16 cents is the cheapest that basket buyers have ever been able to purchase it in St. Louis.

Don't hesitate, ask your question. THIS MEANS YOU. THE ARGUS will answer.

SOLDIERS FROM FAR AWAY HELP RAISE RIOT FUND

Boys of the Ninth Cavalry, Stationed In Far Off East Send Over $460.

Confidence in Local Branch N. A. A. C. P. Being Shown From Far and Near.

The Committee on Finance of the St. Louis Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is prosecuting its work in the matter of collections of funds for the defense of the men of the Race involved in the prosecutions arising out of the East St. Louis riots.

The two largest contributions yet made to assist the work of the local branch of the Association have come from Colored regiments stationed in the insular possessions of the country. In August, through the courtesy of Major Chaplain George W. Prioleau, the Association received three hundred dollars from the twenty-fifth Infantry stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Within the present week the Ninth Cavalry stationed at Camp Stotsenberg, Pampanga, Province, Philippine Islands, sent a contribution amounting to four hundred and sixty-three dollars and five cents.

The following letter accompanied the gift of the Ninth Cavalry:

9th U. S. Cavalry,
Camp Stotsenberg, Pamp., P. I.
Oct. 27, 1917.

Mr. W. H. Huffman,
Sec'y N. A. A. C. P.,
St. Louis, Mo.
Dear Sir:

It is with deepest regret that we learn of the recent horrors perpetrated upon our people in East St. Louis.

We live in the hope that we have seen the last of such catastrophies. We feel that your grand organization can and will by its prompt action with both legal and charitable work minimize, if not completely wipe out such outrages in the future.

We feel that our country and our homes have need of every man, white or Colored, who is true American, to unite in closer relationship so that we may stand shoulder to shoulder to overcome Prussianism.

We received your urgent appeal for funds, through the Grand Master of Missouri Jurisdiction, and upon receipt of your letter we sent our offering from Joppa Military Lodge, No.

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OVER THE TOP WITH ONE THOUSAND MEMBERS FOR N. A. A. C. P.

The campaign for one thousand members for the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement, was regularly opened last Sunday, Dec. 2nd. The campaign committee is leaving nothing undone that will mean their goal. Every organization that is within reach is being called upon to contribute to the success of this effort, by urging their members to join.

Why You Should Join

Because the association is fighting lynching, disfranchisement, discrimination in public parks, theatres and restaurants, peonage, chinanigan, Jim-Crow cars. Have won the fight against Residential Segregation.

Campaign Committee: Paul Mosely, Chairman; James Tanter, W. H. Hollman, W. O. Shelton, Rev. D. R. Clarke, E. A. McKinney, R. N. Owens, W. T. Ancell, Rev. S. W. Parr, E. Patillo, Robt. Oliver, Julius Weil, J. H. Jones, B. Lavine, John Harris and Edward Keene.

"All men up and none down."—Lincoln.

NOTICE

St. Louis Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will have a public meeting at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2726 Pine St., on Wednesday evening, December 12 at eight o'clock. Rev. S. A. Moseley, the pastor issues a special invitation to the public to attend. An interesting program with Rev. John W. Day, of the Unitarian Church as the principal speaker will be given. Admission is free. You are invited.

BAPTIST FIELD SECRETARY COMING

The Rev. Dr. J. Francis Robinson, of international fame, the Field Secretary of the National Baptist Convention, noted preacher, orator, and lecturer, who has lectured and traveled throughout Continental Europe, Monday night. Don't Miss This Grand Treat—Hear Him at Pleasent Green Baptist Church, Monday night, December the 10th, 1917. Tell everybody the subject: "WHAT WE AND YOU ARE UP AGAINST IN THIS COUNTRY, OR SHALL OUR BOYS DIE IN VAIN?

Rev. J. K. Parker, pastor.

FUNSTON NIGHT AT MANHATTAN CAFE WEDNESDAY

Profits Will Go To Boosters' Fund For the Boys at Funston. Special Entertaining

Sunday Dinners a Special Feature At Fashionable Place. Special Party Service Given

Manager Robert Laususe of the fashionable Manhattan Cafe, at Finney and Pendleton Avenues, announces that next Wednesday, December 12, will be Funston night at his place. He has arranged for special entertaining for his guests and intends donating a generous sum to the Boosters for the boys at Funston. In fact, Mr. Laususe says he expects to make some of the previous gifts look small by comparison.

Sunday Dinners New Feature

The Manhattan is now serving special Table D'Hote Dinners on Sundays from 3 to 9:30 p. m. These dinners are offered at 75c per plate, and are proving a big boon to persons, especially families who appreciate a wholesome, delicious meal, without the worry of preparation. Next Sunday the menu will be:

Rice Tomato Soup
Clery Olives
Roast Spring Duck and Dressing
Currant Jelly
Mashed Potatoes French Peas
Lettuce-Tomato Salad
Manhattan Roll, Brandy Sauce
Coffee

The cafe service also offers an extensive bill of fare which includes every popular viand known and all kinds of game and sea food in season.

Party Service a Specialty

The elegant and commodious dining room is well adapted to party services of all kinds. Arrangements can be made on short notice by calling Lindell 25, or Delmar 852.

Clubs, societies or individuals will find this elegant cafe a most delightful place in which to entertain. The dining room comfortably accommodates more than 300 guests. The service is of the best class, and a large corps of trained assistants assure, always, the most courteous treatment.

ST. LOUIS AMERICAN WOODMEN FEMALE BAND & SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Mr. C. C. Cade, Supervisor of the American Woodmen has authorized the organization of the St. Louis Female Bands. Several cities have female bands and they are splendid organizations and there is no reason why the band organized here should not be one of the finest in the country.

A Symphony orchestra will be a part of the organization. Ladies who play any kind of instrument and would like to take part in the organization will call Lindell 2264 and ask for C. C. Cade, 1520 Goode Ave.

ROLAND HAYES PLEASES PATRONS

Mr. Roland Hayes, the noted tenor, appeared before a large and select audience at the Metropolitan Zion Church of this city, last Friday night. The beautiful auditorium was crowded to its fullest capacity. Over a thousand were in attendance.

Mr. Hayes perhaps was never at a better advantage. The clearness and the distinctness with which he rendered his selections won rounds of applause from his hearers. Like the cogs in a wheel did the playing of Mr. J. G. Tyler tune in perfect harmony with the brilliant singing of Mr. Hayes.

Mr. Hayes appeared under the auspices of Wheatley Branch Young Women's Association of this city. The chairman of the committee stated that when Mr. Hayes returns the Odeon or Coliseum will be required for his audience.

SIMMONS SCHOOL PATRONS MEETING.

There will be a regular meeting of the Simmons School Patrons Association at the school, 4200 St. Louis Ave., Tuesday night, Dec. 11. If you have missed any of our weekly entertainments you have missed a treat. A. F. Gearin, president; F. C. Meaux, secretary.

G. CRAVEN RESIGNS CLOVER LEAF.

This is to certify that I have resigned as agent of the Clover Leaf Insurance Co., because said company demanded that I place all of my laboring men in a weekly policy, claiming my debit claim ration was too high. That, I refused to do. I am now with a strong company, which is willing to retain all of my business. Respectfully, G. F. Craven, office 2363 Market St.

NEGRO BURNED AT STAKE IN A TENNESSEE TOWN

Eight Thousand Men, Women And Children In Mob Which Tortures Victim With Hot Irons Until Unconscious, And Then Set Fire To Writhing Body Which Is Reduced To Embers

Special to the Argus.

DYERSBURG, TENN., Dec. 3.—A heap of charred bones lying in ashes of flesh in a vacant lot adjoining the public square today gave mute evidence of the execution here yesterday of Lation Scott, a Negro, 30 years old, who was burned at the stake before a crowd of 8,000 persons. Scott had been accused of an assault upon a white woman and those close enough to hear him speak, claim he confessed. The execution was a horrible demonstration of American savagery. No words can picture the revolting scene. From the moment Scott was taken from sheriff's deputies in the Trimble bottoms Sunday morning, following his arrest Saturday at Oakfield, Madison County, until the last ember around the black body had lost its glow, the story rivals the mountain fastnesses of Kentucky and the gory vendetta of the Camorra.

While bound to an iron post with logging chains Scott looked on in dumb wonder at the stern-visaged men who heated pokers and smoothing irons until they were as fiery as the flames that licked them hot.

Half an hour he waited while the irons were heated. He lay prone upon his face beneath the yoke of the iron post. Children on the outskirts romped and played, their merry voices rising above the hushed hubbub of the mob.

At last the irons were hot.

"Have you anything to say?"

A meek voice mumbled inaudibly. Scott made a speech, but few caught the portent.

A red streak shot out: A poker in a brawny hand was burning out one of the Negro's eyes. He bore the ordeal with courage, only low moans escaping him. Another poker was working like an auger on the other orbit.

The smell of burning flesh permeated the atmosphere, a pungent, sickening aroma telling those who failed to get good vantage points what their eyes could not see. Smoothing irons were searing the flesh.

Swish. Once, twice, three times a red hot iron dug gaping places in Lation Scott's back and sides.

"Fetch a hotter one," somebody said. The execution went on.

Now someone had another poker—jabbing its fiery joint into the ribs of the doomed man.

Then rubbish was piled high about the agonized body, squirming beneath its load.

Match Is Struck

Someone struck the match—they say the husband of the assaulted woman applied it—and smoke began to curl upward into a blue sky. The flames gathered momentum, engulfing the body. The fire seemed to groan, but it was Lation Scott.

More and more wood and rubbish were fed the fire, but at 3 o'clock Lation Scott was not dead. Life finally fled at 4 o'clock.

The executioners departed, leaving only the morbid. Women, who had left their dinners in the making, hastened home. Children, who had tarried on the way home from Sunday school, scurried away.

Dyersburg seemingly was satisfied.

Charged with Assault.

Scott was accused of assaulting the wife of a man for whom he had worked. It is claimed the woman was painfully injured. He was arrested by deputy sheriffs, but was taken from them by a mob. It is said the deputies gave him up without protest.

The people of Dyersburg were notified by telephone at once. The whole country seemed to know. Dyersburg was quickly filled. One pastor, during the course of his Sunday morning sermon, remarked that he was glad to see so many women present, "but I wonder where the men are?"

The mob reached here about 1 o'clock with the Negro.

A citizen jury was quickly empaneled, but without a probe it is claimed Scott confessed. The mob decided on burning at the stake, and wended its way to a lot across the street from the Fowler Dry Goods store.

Scott was stripped. The iron post, chains, smoothing irons and pokers had been provided before the mob reached the city. Without force he lay down on the ground and submitted to being chained to the post.

Not a single cry for mercy was ever uttered by Scott. His fortitude struck even the mob workers as uncanny. No one offered a plea for the victim after he confessed.

SHRINERS ELECT OFFICERS

Imperial Potentate Coming

Last Sunday, Medinah Temple No. 39, A. E. A. O. Noble of Mystic Shrine met in a largely attended session at the Masonic Temple and solemnly deliberated over those who were selected to officer the desertship for the year 1918. Their reports showed that they have prospered numerically and financially, and that the prospects for the ensuing year are bright. The elected officers were: Monroe Ernest, Illustrious Grand Potentate; E. J. Victoria, Jr., Chief Raban; E. H. Rice, Asst. Raban; F. J. Brown, Secretary; R. A. James, Secretary; Henry Offutt, Oriental Guide; John Pierce, High Priest and Prophet; Wm. Hampton and I. H. Grandberry, ceremonial Masters; Luther McBride, Inner Guide; C. S. Scott, Outer Guide; James Sykes, Chairman; S. McNary, Wm. Taylor, Refreshment Committee.

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine will appear at the Pythian Temple in full dress attire on December 18th, to be upon attendance at the grand fraternal entertainment for the benefit of Noble Robert Barton. This will precede the banquet at the Masonic ball, December 29th, in honor of the Imperial Potentate of Minneapolis, who will be on an official visit to St. Louis.

Wilberforce University may send Twenty to Training Camp

Special to the Argus:

Wilberforce, Ohio, Dec. 3—Wilberforce University has been informed that a quota of twenty is assigned to the school for the third training camp for officers, which will open at Fort Riley, Kans., about December 15. The application list is open to graduates and undergraduates.

MUSICIANS' UNION ELECT OFFICERS

Annual election of officers of the Local No. 44 A. F. of M., held at headquarters, Dec. 4, 1917.

Officers for the next ensuing year for Local 44 A. F. of M., are as follows:

President, A. A. Simms, 4011 W. Belle Place.

Vice-President, E. C. Grady, 4404 Cook Ave.

Rec. Secretary, E. Clayton, 4051 Finney Ave.

Fin. Secretary, U. S. G. Cooper, 4258 W. Finney Ave.

Treasurer, H. W. Sexton, 2 N. Jefferson.

Executive Board

Jas. Harris, 3107 Lawton Ave.
August Turner, 3008 Laclede Ave.
P. B. Lankford, 17 S. Channing Ave.
E. A. McKinney, 2823 Morgan St.
Johns Adams, 1516 Goode Ave.
R. McWorter, 4007 Cook.

Trustee Board

I. W. Franklin, 2814 Sheridan Ave.
Norman Lankford, 4236 Kennerly Ave.
Leroy Smith, 1021 N. Whittier St.

Walking Delegate

J. C. Lucky, 2019 Pine St.

Inauguration, and President's appointments will be published in the Argus.

E. Clayton, Sec.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Woodson announce the marriage of their daughter Miss M. Augusta Woodson to Mr. John S. Wyett of Clarksville, Tenn., which will take place December 23, 1917.

Plenty of fun for everybody at the Indoor Circus Y. W. C. A., Saturday night, December 8th.

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OUT OF TOWN NEWS

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.

Miss H. N. Jones

The moving picture show conducted by Dr. W. H. Laurie, was forced to close on account of lack of patronage, and that part of Cape Girardeau's young people who enjoy these amusements are very much distressed and disappointed over this affair. Dr. Laurie should be able to reopen this place of amusement soon, and we hope that the people will show their appreciation and turn out by larger and regular attendance. Mr. John Bion is able to resume his duties as chef at the Idaho Hotel (white) after an illness of several weeks...Thanksgiving was observed at both A. M. E. and Baptist churches with preaching and a program at night. The attendance was not as large as anticipated on account of the inclement weather...Mr. Charlie Williams of 225 Middle St., died Thursday of pneumonia, and was buried Saturday from the A. M. E. church. Miss Mable Sydes of Allenville, was in attendance...Instead of the funeral services of Mrs. Henry Isom spoken of in last week's issue, it was Mr. Henry Isom and the body was in charge of the Odd Fellow lodge.

KIRKWOOD, MO.

The Harrison Ave. Baptist church is still alive and making splendid progress. Thanksgiving day was one long to be remembered. After a glorious service then things happened. Rev. I. H. Monroe opened the doors of the church and several came forward for prayer and five united with the church, two for baptism. At this time the members and friends brought forward their Thanksgiving offering which took two tables to hold the good things which the pastor and wife received. They brought food enough to last until spring. He has flour, lard, sugar, tea, coffee, molasses, meal, meat, rabbits, quails, spare ribs, roast pork, corn, tomatoes, apples, sweet potatoes, plums, blackberries, peaches, asparagus, in fact things too numerous to mention. Rev. Monroe said they even brought lemons, that if he gets too warm over the treat he may make lemonade and cool off. On the 19th of this month eight months ago the church swung clear of debt and the members are happy over it yet and are willing to show the pastor that they love him for the great work he has done for them. This faithful man is worthy of much praise. E. Jones, secretary. Rev. I. H. Monroe, pastor.

POPLAR BLUFF, MO.

By Mrs. C. P. Jackson

Thanksgiving was observed at the various churches and dinner was served throughout the day...Mrs. Willie Smith Carter gave a reception last Friday night at the home of Mrs. M. E. Wyatt in honor of her sister, Mrs. Katie Smith Belle and Miss Alice McGee, teachers at Charleston, Mo., and many beautifully gowned ladies were in attendance...Miss Ophelia Thomas visited friends at Neeleyville, Mo., Sunday...The little daughter of Mrs. Alexander is convalescent after a brief illness...Mrs. G. C. Brown entertained in honor of Mrs. Katie Bell of Charleston, Thanksgiving evening and a very enjoyable evening was spent...Little Lucile Wyatt, who has been ill two weeks, is convalescent...Miss Ruth Pendleton, one of the popular teachers of Neelyville, Mo., visited her mother, Mrs. E. S. Pendleton, last week...The C. M. E. church seems to be taking on new life under its efficient pastor. Love feast was held at 11 a. m., and sermon by Rev. North at 3 p. m. at the M. E. church Sunday. The Epworth League will render a program next Sunday. All are invited...Rev. J. W. Murphy, of Morocco, was a business visitor here Saturday...Mrs. G. R. Phillips is quite ill at her home on Garfield St...Miss Daisy Jackson entertained in honor of Miss Lola Nelson of Neelyville, Thanksgiving night and a delightful evening was spent...I wish to correct the statement of the concert conducted by Mrs. W. A. Carter and Miss Myrtle Shaffer, which was at the M. E. church instead of the A. M. E. church...Rev. J. H. North will leave Thursday for Kansas City to accompany his wife to Poplar Bluff...Mrs. E. S. Pendleton has been appointed reporter for The C. M. E. church.

JACKSON, MO.

By Mrs. M. McGuire.

Thanksgiving service was well attended. After preaching, the Stewardess Board No. 1 served dinner...In the evening the superintendent of the Sunday school and pupils rendered an interesting program which was witnessed by a large crowd. After the program the committee served refreshments and realized the neat sum of $30.16...Sunday being quarterly meeting, there was another spiritual feast. Rev. J. M. Smith of Cape Girardeau assisted Rev. Hicks in his meeting, also Revs. Oaks and Christopher were present. During the day $48.03 was raised. The church is progressing under the leadership of the new pastor, Rev. Hicks. Miss Sarah Green and sister Roxie are visiting their father, Mr. Wm. Green...Mrs. Charlotte Beals and daughter left this week for St. Louis where they will reside.

PROVIDENCE, KY.

Dr. G. W. Staples, of Paducah, Ky., was in the city Sunday...Mr. and Mrs. Posey Dunce Comb visited Miss Hazle White at Earlington Sunday...Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stone were visitors at Marion Monday...Misses T. Drake, of Slaughters, and Mary Brooks, of Dalton, visited friends in the city this week...Mr. W. H. Hamer, of LaSalle St., St. Louis, Mo., is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Lucy Draper, who is ill...Mrs. Kittie Grouch and Miss Lena Wheeler returned from Hale hospital, Nashville, Tenn., Monday, where they underwent operations...Willie Walker, age 20 years, of Montgomery, Ala., was found dead on E. Main St., Sunday morning...Mr. Harrison Rice was shot at No. 5 mines, Saturday night and died Sunday at Evansville hospital.

ST. CHARLES, MO.

By Elmer Hubbard

There will be preaching at Good Hope Baptist Church 1019 Olive St. Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Rev. Moses Jackson, pastor. All are invited...Miss Lora Simpson and Mr. Lewis Simms were the guests of Mrs. Eliza Calloway Monday...Rev. C. M. Miller is in St. Louis on business...The junior choir of St. John's A. M. E. church will entertain the public with moving pictures in the near future.

FREDERICKTOWN, MO.

By Mrs. N. B. Villars

Mrs. Louisa Anthony, of Farmington is in the city visiting...Rev. A. L. Woolfolk held quarterly meeting at Haven Chapel M. E. church Sunday. Rev. W. H. Brown was also present...Mrs. Amanda Thornton, of St. Louis, was the guest of Mrs. Rhoda Holsall last week...Mr. Roscoe Barnes of Herculaneum, Mo., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Villars Saturday and Sunday. Those sick are Mrs. Louisa Davis, Mrs. Eliza Madison, Messrs. George Villars, Augustus Oliver, Homer Madison and Edward Kemp...Mr. Antoine Kinder and Miss Vinola Brown were quietly married last Thursday. Rev. R. A. King officiated. Revs. King and Allen assisted in administering the sacrament at Haven Chapel Sunday.

MEACHAM PARK, MO.

By V. M. Johnston.

Rev. W. L. Weaver preached a splendid sermon Thanksgiving...Mr. and Mrs. Bell had as their guests at dinner Thanksgiving, Mrs. Ada Bell, Miss Emma Stanley, Master Henry Bell and little Richard Rodgers...Mr. Thos. Ellington is visiting relatives in Oklahoma...Mr. Frederick Hannah and Mr. Arthur Spears have returned from Camp Funston...Every old person was made glad by receiving a basket on Thanksgiving. Those ill at this writing are Master Leon Dent, Miss Florence Smith and Master Lester Johnson.

CHARLESTON, MO.

By Mrs. Mable Fowlks.

The entire faculty of Lincoln school spent Thanksgiving at their respective homes and returned Sunday and resumed work Monday...Perry Chapel A. M. E. church closed a two weeks' Thanksgiving rally Sunday night, the two clubs U. S. and Germany raising $179.25...Shiloh Baptist Church will celebrate its 23rd anniversary this week by a series of entertainments.

WEBSTER GROVES, MO.

By Mrs. Leola Laird.

Thanksgiving rally at the M. E. church deserves special mention. It was under the leadership of three captains as follows: Wm. Taylor, $44.31; John Burrel, $51.05; H. L. Graham, $17.14, making a total of $112.50. This amount was equally divided between the trustees and stewards. Rev. John L. Brooks pastor...The funeral of Mr. Wm. Bowen, who died November 27th, was held at the M. E. church Nov. 30th, at 2 p. m., Rev. J. L. Brooks officiating...Mrs. Margaret Lewis, of Pulaski, Tenn., arrived November 25 to spend the winter with her children...The First Baptist Church celebrated the 51st anniversary of the church and 3rd of the pastor, Rev. J. E. Buckner last week, with splendid success, spiritually and financially. A good program was rendered each night with different speakers each night. Dr. ... of St. Louis, preached the anniversary at 3 p. m. Sunday.

The marriage of Miss Sarah F. Wood and Mr. Henry Q. Lewis which took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Laird, 115 Euclid Ave., Webster Groves, on Thanksgiving afternoon at 3 o'clock, was quite a brilliant and social event in Webster Groves. The bride, beautifully gowned in white georgette crepe trimmed in orange blossoms and carrying a bouquet of white Marechal Niel roses and ferns, was given away by her brother, Walter Wood and attended by Miss Maudelle McMurray dressed in white net over blue, carrying a bouquet of chrysanthemums. Mr. Melvin Gamble was best man. Rev. S. A. Moseley, of Tabernacle Baptist church, St. Louis, performed the ceremony. The wedding march was played by Miss Regina McMurray of St. Louis. A large number were present and many beautiful and costly presents were received, among which was a handsome oak dining room suite consisting of a buffet, china closet, table and six chairs given by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Malone, of St. Louis, Miss Wood's former employer; also a large mirror presented by the Poro employees. There was an abundance of cut glass, silver, chinaware, pictures and fine linens; not least among the many presents were a pair of beautiful white turkeys shipped by the father of the groom, Mr. James Lewis of Pulaski, Tenn., for future poultry raising. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis will reside in Webster Groves.

FARMINGTON, MO.

By Dayse F. Baker.

At the Thanksgiving ball St. Louis, Festus, Bonne Terre and Coffman were well represented. The ball lasted till early Friday morning. It was no doubt one of Aunt Dolly's times...Mrs. Eliza Blackwell has returned from a visit to Fredericktown....Mrs. Emily Boddie acompanied her daughter Cosetta to St. Louis Saturday for medical aid...Miss Marie Hogan White, G. L. of O. O. C., addressed Masoleat Court Wednesday evening. She also addressed a large audience at the M. E. church Thursday morning. Both addresses were interesting and well delivered...Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kennedy entertained Rev. J. H. McCallister and wife at dinner Thanksgiving...Master Kossuth Baker appeared on the program at an entertainment at Mineral Point, Thursday evening, which was conducted by Miss Edith O. Cayce. Miss Cayce spent the week's end with homefolks. Miss Minnie

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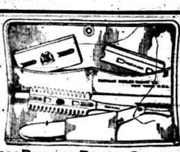


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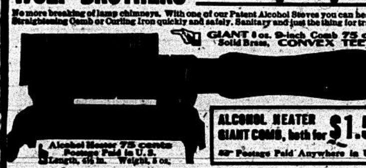
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WAYMAN A. M. E. CHURCH

By A. P. Brown

Rev. A. R. Dobbins, pastor of Wayman A. M. E. church preached last Sunday morning from Cor. 21, subject, "The Lord's Supper," and at 8 p. m. from Luke 16, "The Rich Man and Lazarus." The pastor seemed to be filled with holy spirit. There were 11 accessions to the church, thereby breaking all past records of the church. We are glad to say many St. Louis people and strangers are finding the way to our church. We invite all to come. Corner 23rd and Wash Sts.

EL BETHEL CHURCH

If you haven't been visiting El Bethel Church, now is the time for you to come as there are so many things of interest going on, and we are extending an invitation to all to call. Our pastor is preaching as he has never preached. If you don't believe it come and hear for yourself. The Thansgiving service and program was a complete success. Mrs. F. M. Williams remains quite ill. Mrs. M. S. Tankins was able to be present Sunday. Mrs. D. W. Whittenberg is convalescent. Sunday, December 9th, is communion day. Rev. W. W. Perry, Pastor; Mrs. M. S. Tankins, secretary.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH.
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The morning services at Mt. Olive Baptist Church last Sunday were of unusual depths; Bro. Peter Thomas, one of our young ministers preached an excellent sermon founded on Jeremiah's appeal to Israel to return from evil doings, Jer. 36:7. Rev. McClain preached at night, subject, "The Racers." Heb. 12:1. This talented genius needs no introduction; all who have ever heard him know how bountifully all were fed from this choice subject. The Sunday school will entertain you Monday night, December 10, with an old fashioned calico apron and tie party. Come out and enjoy yourselves as your grandparents did when they were young. Plenty of refreshments and amusements for all. Rev. D. W. Morris, Pastor.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH.

There will be the usual services next Sunday. Father Clarke will begin the study of the life of Christ with the Men's Bible class at seven p.m. Men generally are urged to join this class as it is not intended for all Saints—men only.

A series of community meetings for the people in the neighborhood will be held during the winter season. The first was held in the Sunday school room Thursday night, and much interest was manifested.

ST. JAMES CHURCH

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:" 1st Peter 3-15 was the text announced by Pastor Peck Sunday morning. Theme: "The Christian's Apology." The speaker urged his hearers to be Christians from principle and when the test comes be prepared to defend their faith by giving a substantial reason for the hope upon which their faith is founded. "It will take a superior character to do this, said the pastor, and superiority of character does not come in a week or month nor by accident—it is a life's work. When the operator of a wireless station on a ship in distress sends his message of fire, S. O. S. in the elements and the signal is flashed back, he has been heard, all anxiety flees as he has faith in the reply and knows help is near. Just so with the true Christian; when he sends a message from a burdened soul to his Heavenly Father, he rests secure in the divine promises knowing help will come. It was truly an inspiring sermon. At night the pastor preached from Acts 16-16, theme, "The reward that comes by persistence in seeking Christ." There were two accesions during the day. Thanksgiving was another memorable day at St. James. It marked the closing of one of the greatest campaigns against sin in the history of the church. The pastor preached a splendid sermon at eleven o'clock. At eight o'clock in the evening the "Martha J. Keys Bible Class" rendered an excellent program. Miss Keys made closing remarks after which presentations were made to the evangelist. An exquisite gold fob and cross by the women, a handsome leather traveling bag by the trustees and trustee helpers. A beautiful collar by the Sunday morning prayer meeting and numerous individual presents. There were 105 conversions, reclamations and accessions. The trustees received $189.51, the evangelist $179.15, charity $16.00, total, $384.66. Thus closed a glorious revival.

Quarterly Meeting

The first Quarterly of this conference year will be held at St. James Sunday, Dec. 9th, Rev. Newton pastor of St. Peter's Church will preach the sacramental sermon. P. E. Thurman will preach in the morning and evening. You are cordially invited to attend.

ST. PAUL A. M. E. CHURCH

Sunday being quarterly meeting day, Rev. P. W. Thurman (our Presiding Elder) was with us Sunday morning and preached from 23rd Psalm and 1st verse: "The Lord is My Shepherd, and I shall not want." It was said by all who heard him that it was one of the best sermons he has ever delivered in St. Paul A. M. E. Church. The sermon was clear and convincing from the beginning to the end. Evidently the able divine had made great preparation for the occasion; as it could be seen that much research was demonstrated all the way through. In conclusion his invitation was so strong and convincing that many united with the church, and one young woman came forward for prayer.

At 3 P. M., Rev. A. R. Dobbins, the matchless pastor of Wayman's A. M. E. Chapel, delivered a burning message, which had the desired effect. Dr. Dobbins is truly a great preacher, and the time is not far distant when he shall be called higher.

At 7:30 P. M., Dr. Thurman again filled the sacred desk, and while the sermon was short, it was no less interesting than the one he delivered in the morning.

Four hundred and fifty-five souls communed during the day. Eclipsing any number that has communed in St. Paul for quite a season. We can truthfully say that St. Paul is getting back to the old land mark. And with the spiritual interest at fever height, a great revival is anticipated beginning with the new year.

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THE WOMAN'S UNION.

The Woman's Union Auxiliary to the Seven Church Union met Sunday afternoon with Pilgrim Baptist Church. The meeting was a good one. The union is doing a good work along the lines of charity and every woman who can should fall in line. Next meeting will be at 623 N. Beaumont, Temple Mission, of which Rev. I. J. Johnson is pastor, the 3rd Sunday in December. There will be a pew rally the 5th Sunday in December at El Bethel for the purpose of raising money for our treasury so as to be able to help the needy creditably. Mrs. A. Hall, president; Mrs. B. Coker, secretary.

LEONARD AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Services at Leonard Avenue Baptist Church were very good last Sunday. Communion service at 4:00 o'clock was enjoyed by a large number. The pastor, Rev. P. W. Dunavant, and treasurer of the State convention has been very busy looking after important business of the state board.

Mrs. Dunavant, wife of the pastor, left last week for Denver and the West. We hope for her a pleasant and successful stay. The B. Y. P. U. gave an excellent program last Thursday night. Admission was free; collection $10.00. Bro. B. F. Small, president. The Sunday school will give the program for Christmas night. Sister Lula Alexander, superintendent.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
By Sada M. Pillow

There were excellent service at First Baptist Church, last Sunday. Rev. Maxwell delivered a very interesting sermon concerning the "slackers" of Communion services, which proved very beneficial. A large crowd attended afternoon services, also covenant and communion service. The Sunday school Teacher Training class has begun its real work with Miss Annie Thomas as instructor. We had an excellent meeting and Rev. R. H. Cole was appointed as superintendent of the Sunday school. We enjoyed great Thanksgiving services, and pastor Maxwell preached to a large congregation, after which a delicious turkey dinner was served. The B. Y. P. U. is rapidly improving both financially and numerically. The First Baptist Church is a home-like church.

SEVEN CHURCH BAPTIST UNION

The Seven Church Baptist Union met Monday night, December 3rd, with the Semple Avenue Baptist Church. Sermon by Rev. J. W. Hall, text found in Cor. 9:22; subject, "Prayer." The next meeting will be at the Pilgrim Baptist Church corner of Newstead and Cote Brilliante. Speaker of the hour will be Rev. R. L. Chainey. Collection, $25.75. Rev. J. W. Hall, President, L. E. Molton, Secretary.

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Next Monday evening, December 10th, the Sunday school will give a glorious reception in honor of their faithful superintendent, Mr. P. E. Ross. The teachers and officers are putting every effort forward to make this one of the grandest affairs given by that body. Besides the Sunday schools that are on the program, every Sunday school is invited to be present and assured an enjoyable time. This is only a part of the program: Opening address, "The Value of a Good Superintendent," by Mrs. C. J. Bell; "Denominational Sunday Schools Working Together," by First Baptist Sunday school; "How We Can Help Our Superintendent," by Mrs. Ethel Gery; "Eliminating Pennies from the Larger Classes," by St. James Sunday school; Dunbar recital, by Dr. N. O. Braey; "The Advantages of a Morning Sunday School," by Miss Myrtle Copeland; "How to Get New Scholars," by Wayman Chapel Sunday school; Trio, Misses Copeland, Randall, Mr. Joe King; annual report of the Morning Star class, Mrs. Josephine Maupin; solo, Little Miss Lillian Christian; "How Our Sunday School Has Helped Our Church," president of Steward board; duet, Misses Wimberly and Scott; annual report of the Sunday school, Miss Myrtle Payne; greetings, superintendent Mt. Zion Baptist Sunday school. Every Sunday school scholar will participate in the grand march, each one carrying a flag. Besides other recitations, solos, and papers, the Antioch Baptist Sunday school will close the program, after which every one will retire to the dining room to enjoy an excellent menu.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday will be All Ladies' Day. Rev. Smith has announced that the ladies will take all offerings and make all announcements, and a young lady will preside over the Sunday school. All ushers will be ladies. In the evening a young lady will conduct the league services. About the only part the men will play will be the preaching of a special sermon to the ladies at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. N. L. Smith. All the men are asked to be present and see the ladies in their triumph.

TRUE LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH
By Carrie M. Fletcher

The Thanksgiving services at True Light Baptist church were remarkable. The pastor preached at 11 o'clock. He selected his text from Psalm 103:2: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." After the sermon the members expressed their gratitude with praises to God, from whom all blessings flow. At 7:30 the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. were on time with their joint Thanksgiving program, which was one of the best that has ever been presented. The guests were served with free ice cream and cake. Bro. J. W. Fletcher preached an inspiring sermon at 11 o'clock, Sunday. He selected his text from Ephesians 6:17: "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Our pastor, Dr. Geo. E. Stevens, left for New York, Dec. 4, in response to an invitation from Dr. A. Clayton Powell, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist church, and his splendid congregation, to be with them in a series of meetings. Rev. R. H. C. Sydnor will have charge of the parish work in his absence.

Sunday morning at 11 a.m., Dr. J. Francis Robinson will occupy the pulpit, and at 8 p.m. Rev. S. J. Branch will deliver the message.

All are cordially invited. Rev. Sydnor and deacons, backed by the members, are planning to make the rally during the pastor's absence a great success.

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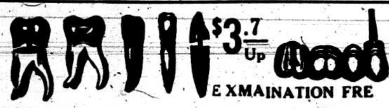
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OUT OF TOWN NEWS

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Thornton went to St. Louis Monday to accept a position...Mr. and Mrs. Percy Swink visited here Thanksgiving. Mr. Swink has returned to Bonne Terre where he is employed...Mr. Lewis Murphy returned to Crystal City Sunday...Mrs. Alice Powers, of St. Louis, visited home folks last week...Mr. and Mrs. O. Vaughn, of Potosi, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harris last week...Miss Mary McCallister accompanied Miss Marie Madison to St. Louis, Sunday afternoon. Miss Mae Baker and Mr. John Baker went [illegible] Mrs. James Robinson and Miss D. T. Baker chaperoned Misses Leslie Poston, Hilda Kennedy, Edna Harris and Willa Jones on an outing to Bonne Terre Sunday... Quarterly meeting services will be held at the M. E. church Sunday and at the A. M. E. church the third Sunday. Rev. Greenlee will preach at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon. Dr. Rivere will conduct the services...Mr. Felix Poston attended to business at Crystal City Sunday... Little Miss Anna Pugh is convalescing...You will admit you are lonesome without the Argus, then why not subscribe for it and read what the Negro is doing, can do and will do. It tells it all. It is a paper worth the while... Mrs. Louisa Anthony was called to Fredericktown Saturday to be with her cousin, Mr. Geo. Villars, who is critically ill from a blood poisoned hand...Send the Argus to a boy at Camp Funston. He'll appreciate it.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.
By Z. L. Breedlove.

Union services were held at the A. M. E. church Thanksgiving Day. Rev. W. T. Whitsitt, of the C. M. E. church preached the Thanksgiving sermon... Mr. Harvey Jackson, who visited friends here last week, left for St. Louis Sunday...Mrs. F. J. Jordan entertained Mrs. Louana Riley to dinner at her residence 507 N. Market St. Thanksgiving...Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Elliott returned from Indianapolis Sunday, where they spent Thanksgiving... Mr. and Mrs. John Bridgewater visited in Peoria Thursday...Mr. J. C. Livermore, of Detroit, Mich., is visiting Mrs. V. Mackey and family at 704 N. Walnut St...Don't move so fast, please, Mr. and Mrs. Fast Movers, stay long enough to pay a month's subscription, please, or just notify me, and we will find you if you stay on the earth... Rev. W. T. Whitsitt leaves this week to attend the West Tennessee conference...Breedlove's News Company is going to make a whirl wind campaign of the Twin Cities to see that each family has a race journal in the home.

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DON'T DECEIVE YOURSELVES.

Like the "dog to his vomit" and the "sow to her wallow" has the State of Tennessee returned to her barbaric treatment of the Negro. We merely use the expression "return" because at a recent meeting of white and colored citizens in that State, it was reported that a better understanding had been reached between the races, and future troubles would be adjusted according to law. But the truth of the matter is, the semi-savage, prejudice-blinded white people of the south have not changed one whit. These so-called place meetings are merely soft soaping the so-called leaders of the colored race, to keep them from advising their race to contend for their rights.

The first skirmish, or the first year of the entry of the United States into this world-war, gave the South the first taste of the scourge that no doubt will be visited upon it before she will be willing to let the colored people be free. These peace meetings and resolutions remind us of Pharaoh's promises; they are not sincere. They are only to tide over the present. As soon as things quiet down they soon forget their promises and return like Pharaoh to oppress the weaker people among them, in the most cruel form.

We do not believe that the worst enemy of this country would be treated as inhumanly as the Negro is being treated in the South today. While the U. S. Government is calling the young men, the best of the race, to go and fight for freedom and justice, the proud white people of the South are assembling their forces by the thousands to lynch, dismember and torture a poor helpless victim, just because of his color. The alleged confession of guilt of the crime suspected is a mere fallacy. Not one of the crowd, or no right thinking person would be willing to trust his fate in the hands of an angry mob. The truth of it is, it makes little difference with a mob as to the guilt or innocence of their victim, so long as they find one Negro ***tied hands and feet*** and in the custody of the perfidious officers of the law. These faithless officers should be removed from office. If the arms of the several states are too short to remedy this condition, we repeat, the statement made in this column before, the Federal Government should act.

The white people of the South have ***absolutely*** shown they are unable or either refuse to offer the Negro equal protection of the law, and, for that reason, we maintain that the Government should act.

Warning

To the people of the United States: Do not deceive yourselves. Remember, "righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." Unless we read the signs of the times incorrectly, scourge upon scourge will visit this people until we preach righteousness and justice by precept and example.

STILL SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

The fact that the general news dispatches have not carried an account of what disposition the Government or the War department has made of the recent threatened attacks at Vicksburg, Miss., upon two officers who in the uniform of the United States Army attempted to visit relatives and friends while on furlough, leaves the whole affair shrouded in mystery. The public would at least appreciate knowing whether any steps have been taken to punish those who openly made threats against the two army officers, or whether the War Department means to go on record as not being inclined to protect its officers in uniform, especially when the officers in question are Colored men.

Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, in a signed statement dated Nov. 30th and addressed to Special Assistant Emmett J. Scott, stated that it has been his policy to discourage discrimination against any persons by reason of their race, and that this policy had been adopted not merely as an act of justice to all races that go to make up the American people, but also to safeguard the very institutions which we are now at the greatest sacrifice, engaged in defending, and which any racial disorders may endanger. He states further, that "at the same time, there is no intention on the part of the War Department to undertake at this time to settle the so-called race question."

We claim, and we believe rightly so, that the recent insults and threatened attacks upon Lieutenants Sanders and Lee while they were in Vicksburg, Miss., were unwarranted and were made for no other reason than that they were Negro army officers.

Would the War Department have suffered the same thing to have happened to one of its white army officers without taking drastic measures to punish the guilty offenders?

Secretary Baker also states that, he very much regrets what seems to be a certain amount of overworked hysteria on the part of some of those who have made complaints.

We claim, that any race of people whether white, black, red or brown, who are willing to sacrifice the flower of their manhood upon the altar of war for the sake of their country, they are deserving of all that their country can give in the way of protection from insult and injury. We, like Secretary Baker, believe that any racial disorders must endanger the cause for which we are at war; but the two recent attempted assaults upon Colored men at Vicksburg, Miss., which have been set forth in our news columns as well as editorially, seem to put the so-called race question squarely up to the War Department for settlement.

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Referring to a previous editorial in The Argus in which we commented on a statement that the Associated Press was our worst enemy, we wish to state that the attitude of the daily press was associated with the Associated Press. Since the difference between the two has been pointed out, our speakers and writers will in the future be able to differentiate in their indictments.

The Argus has no desire to make any unfair statements, nor to accuse any one unjustly. We are only trying to help fight the many battles that are forced upon the Colored race which must be fought at great odds. We need the assistance of the Associated Press in making public sentiment in our favor. If we can say one word or write one line that will help hasten better sentiment, we shall be happy.

SOLDIERS HELP RIOT FUND.

(Continued from page one)

150. Through the Regimental Commander we interested our regiment in the work, and we hope that the small offering of the regiment may be of benefit, though coming at a late hour.

Enclosed find postal money order from each troop of the regiment, which has donated to the Relief Fund. Two of our troops inadvertently failed to get their papers in at the proper time. They have asked to be allowed to send them in later. We will also have several other donations of smaller sums. Kindly send a receipt to each troop and individual as indicated below.

(Then follows list of donors with amount set opposite their names, as enumerated in the appended report of the committee on finance.)

(Signed)
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Worshipful Master, Joppa Military Lodge, No. 150.
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William H. Peck Chairman,
William H. Huffman, Sec.-Treas.
Dec. 5, 1917.

ARGUS SERVICE PRAISED BY READER

Editor of the St. Louis Argus:—

Your letter from the assistant general manager of the Associated Press is all right as far as it goes, but it goes a very little way in promising remedy of the vast damage his concern is continuously doing the American Negro.

Now, and for more than a century, the daily newspaper is and has been, the devision of literature that is most potent in making public sentiment.

The Associated Press contributes daily a larger volume of words to American daily papers than come from any three other original sources and the combined journals that it supplies miss practically none of America's reading population. It daily has the ear of every literate in America and the civilized world. Should it assume to villify the most righteous man or to glorify the bassest man, the united news caterers of the land aside from it, would be impotent to overcome its misrepresentations.

The correspondents of the Associated Press throughout the United States feature stories of Negro crime and are decidedly chary of forwarding any other kind of Negro news. If one questions this statement, let him select any issues of any paper that has been supplied by the Associated Press since this corporation began supplying news, note in such selected issues each item of Negro news that there appears, and he will find that at least seventy per cent of these items allege Negro crime, that at least twenty per cent are caricature and the balance (if there be a balance) are fragmentary recordings of something commendable or just ordinary. Inasmuch as the Colored population of no American community is seventy per cent criminal, *quod erat demonstrandum.*

I cannot believe this discrimination in giving publicity is a headquarters policy of this corporation (indeed, from the tenor of its letter to you, this headquarters does not seem to yet sense its organization's atrocious mischief) and I do believe this discrimination is only widespread personally among the myriad newsgatherers of the A. P., as it is widespread with all whites who are long abiding among our unfortunate, color obsessed and color rabid population.

It may be difficult to correct this evil and yet it seems possible to me for the management of the Associated Press to so tutor and coach its correspondents by series of general instructions that a story of a barefoot boy riding a freight car for a hundred miles or so for the chance to do roustabout work in exchange for the schooling which a purblind state withholds from him would appeal to them at least equally with a story of the crimes of a pariah as recited by his murderers after his death. Booker T. Washington's titanic writhings upward were unchronicled, unknown, until his modest autobiography threw faint light upon them; but, had he been justly, or otherwise, accused of a crime, the Associated Press would have introduced him in detail to the civilized world, perchance illuminated by the glare of his funeral pyre.

Every Negro community in the land teems with black boys and girls, men and women who are nobly circumventing their tyrannic fellows and, at the price of pathetic sacrifice, are succeeding in making respectable and responsible places for themselves in human affairs. If the A. P.'s "nose for news" can be trained to scent out the sweet and pure, as it scents out the putrid, in black folks' activities, its colored output will prove more inocuous than the yellow stories of black crime that it now so assiduously panders to white abnormality.

It is not moral to damn ten million people by ex parte evidence.

It is not chaste to ignore virtues and to blazon vices.

In catering any news (or what not) it is not polite to withhold the wholesome and serve the nauseating.

I believe the gentlemen who from the Associated Press are moral, chaste and refined, and so I pray you will not tire or grow discouraged in making clearly visible to them this great evil of their system and in arousing them to somehow rectify it.

With profound appreciation of your good work, I am,

Yours very truly,
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Y. M. C. A.

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On the night of December 18th, the Anniversary Reunion of the Campaign, which stirred St. Louis from end to end, will be held. The Captains and team men will be present just as in the campaign of 1915, and a rousing good time is expected.

At the meeting on last Sunday, the fifty soldiers, who were the guests of the Association were taken to the homes of a number of friends and entertained for the afternoon.

First Colored Spiritual Church

Mrs Julia Johnson, the world's celebrated medium of Chicago, Ill., after spending several weeks in St. Louis departed Friday night for her home on that Midnight Special. She was accompanied by her private secretary, Mrs. Annie Rucker. Mrs. Johnson and her company left Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 3rd. During her stay in that city her work was attended with much success, not only with her own race but also with the wealthy white people. Many flattering inducements were offered her to remain in that city, but because of her work here, she refused.

Mrs. Johnson is a wonderful woman, refined, educated and of a pleasant disposition. She has two beautiful little girls, Edwina and Mary, eight and eleven years respectively. They are folowing in their mother's footsteps. They gave a seance in Chicago recently, and demonstrations of their spiritual powers were simply great. Many of the auditors became excited and some of them fainted.

Mrs. Johnson has the distinction of numbering among her personal friends, many of the wealthiest white people of St. Louis. She was recently the guest of Mrs. A. A. Bush, at a theatre party which she enjoyed very much. The white people are constantly calling on her for service, but she has promised not to leave us, as she feels that she has a great work to do. A great church has been promised her here and it is hoped that she will soon return. She has organized seven churches with flourishing membership. They are converting souls, healing the sick, feeding the poor, and bringing messages from Heaven. Schools of science have been opened in many cities. Mrs. Johnson is now forming a company, and expects in the near future to tour the world.

During her stay in the city she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Nash, 4435 W. Belle, and worshipped with us at our church, 815 N. Beaumont St. We hope her a safe and happy journey.

NOTICE.

For the convenience of the people of St. Louis who desire to come to an office and investigate the American Woodmen, I will say as soon as a suitable location can be secured, I shall open an office commensurate with the standing of our institution and this office will also be the headquarters of all the auxiliaries of Woodcraft, including the Uniform Rank, the St. Louis Female Band and the Female Drill Team.

C. C. Cade, Supervisor.

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It is noteworthy to mention that the members of the Weissman Company have recently linked up with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and will do their bit in fighting the many evils that confront the race.

THE FREE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday marks the beginning of a great spiritual awakening and one of the biggest financial efforts in the history of the Free Baptist Church, located at Lucas and Garrison Avenues, Rev. A. H. Bostick, pastor. Rev. W. H. Dixon, of Chicago, a gospel preacher of note will preach at 11 o'clock. At 2:30 p.m., Pastor Bostick will deliver the message. A splendid program is promised for five nights of next week. Monday night, Rev. J. K. Parker and members; Tuesday night, Rev. P. W. Dunavant and his flock; Wednesday night, Rev. S. V. Terry and his choir; Thursday night, Rev. M. Owens and his host; Friday night, Rev. W. W. Perry will preach, thus closing the program with $1,000 raised.

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ARGUS REPORTER RESCUES BABY FROM FIRE

The home of Mrs. Lula Blount of 3431 Lawton Avenue would have sustained a tremendous loss last Monday morning by fire, had it not been for the timely appearance of an Argus reporter, who passed the blaze, and quickly extinguished it. After some difficulty he entered the room where there was a three year old child, Helen, almost enveloped with smoke and on the brink of being consumed by the blaze which was in rapid progress. From an investigation it was supposed that fire was set to the window curtains by the child, who was eager to play while the adults of the house were about their domestic duties.

MOUND CITY LODGE K. OF P. ELECTS OFFICERS

At their regular monthly meeting last Monday night at Pythian Hall the members of the lodge unanimously elected the following officers for the ensuing six months: M. Compton, C. C.; C. M. Pope, V. C.; E. R. Stockard, M. of F.; R. H. Cole, M. of Ex.; John Johnson, K. of R. and S.; W. H. King, M. of W.; John N. Evans, Prelate, Joseph Ditto, M. of A. The election was conducted by Lawrence Hawkins.

Mound City Lodge is one of the oldest lodges in the state and boasts of the fact that she has more business and professional men as members than any other lodge in the jurisdiction.

Mr. Matthew Compton the present Chancellor Commander is tireless in his efforts to make Mound City the best lodge in the state. A membership campaign is now on and an opportunity is given new members to join while the dispensation lasts. Initiation fee is as low as $5.00. Remember the lodge Mound City No. 4.

LINCOLN INSTITUTE ALUMNI

The regular monthly meeting of The Lincoln Institute Alumni and Former Students Association will be held December 9th at Union Memorial church, 3:15 p. m. sharp. A program will be rendered. Every member is expected, as your presence at this meeting will be an incentive for us to do better work. We will be looking for you. Respectfully, Wm. T. Spencer, president; Mrs. Jessie Roland, secretary.

INDOOR CIRCUS AT Y. W. C. A., DECEMBER 8TH

SOCIETY

AND LOCAL NOTES

Mrs. [illegible] entertained Monday with a seven course dinner in honor of Miss Woody and Mesdames Malone, John Rouse, and Fred Steward all of Illinois. The guests included Mesdames A. E. Malone and John B. Jones.

Mrs. Bertha Berry of Toledo, Ohio, who has been the guest of Mrs. W. H. King of 3435 Lawton Ave., departed for her home Wednesday noon.

Let everyone buy Red Cross Seals. The funds will be used to buy meals in the Open Air School soon to be opened for Colored children with tubercular tendencies.

The Apollo Club held its monthly meeting at the residence of Mr. Perle J. Clay, 4063 West Belle, with Mr. Robert M. Snoots as host. The guests of honor were Mr. L. Simms and Mr. John Clay.

Alvin Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of 3542 Lawton, left for Chicago, Sunday night to attend Lane's Technical School.

Mr. E. Hawkins, the insurance agent was called to Memphis, Tenn., Thursday on account of the death of his mother.

The Royal Society Embroidery Club met at the home of Mrs. A. B. Terry, 4052 Finney, Thursday, Nov. 22, with 14 members present. Mrs. Sutton became a new member. The usual time was spent in knitting and crocheting. All of the members were glad to know that one of their faithful members, Mrs. Jones is very much improved after a long illness. At 4 p.m., the hostess served a most appetizing repast which was enjoyed by all. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Alma Wilborn, 4312 Lucky St., Dec. 27th. Mrs. Gaither, president; Mrs. Z. G. Evans, secretary; Alma Wilborn, reporter.

Mrs. E. J. Merry, 112 S. Channing entertained about twenty of her friends at her birthday party Nov. 28. The house was beautiful decorated with ferns and white and yellow chrysanthemums. The hostess served a delicious repast. The evening was spent in games and music. The hostess received a number of beautiful presents.

An elaborate Thanksgiving dinner was properly served in courses by Mr. Alex Johnson, at his home in Webster Groves. Those present were: Mrs. Marie Hawkins, Misses E. Goldman, J. Covington, G. Bragg, E. Dalton, E. Bragg, E. M. Bragg, G. Morrison, H. Morrison and N. Steward. Messrs. L. Inge, J. Logan, G. J. Davis. After a pleasant and enjoyable dinner the guests attended the wedding of Miss Sarah Woods and Mr. Henry Lewis. Every one reported a pleasant evening, dancing and playing games.

Corporal Chas. Calhoun, on his five day furlough from Camp Funston, spent Thanksgiving with his wife Mrs. Chas. Calhoun. They were the guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Geo. Boghens of 205 N. Euclid Ave., and also were the guests of Mrs. Hattie Bradford, of 3113 Laclede Ave. There was a glad meeting among his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bowman of 1911a Lucas Ave., spent Thanksgiving with their mother and sister at Alton, Ill.

Mrs. Zenia Dickerson of 2319 Randolph St., a worthy and energetic young woman surprised all who knew her Thanksgiving Day. She was married to Mr. J. Nichols by their pastor, Rev. Wm. Harris at his home, 2927 Lucas Ave. Mr. Nichols is a resident of this city and is one of the greatest men of our race. Their many friends are expressing with me congratulations and wishing for them a long and prosperous life. The newly weds are now domiciled at the home of the bride. In the near future we are planning a surprise shower for them.

An earnest friend, Mrs. R. C. Hubbard, 2323 Scott.

Mrs. J. Ingram, 3939 Finney Ave., entertained at dinner Thanksgiving Day in honor of Rev. P. Robinson, pastor of the Strangers' Home Missionary Baptist Church, located at S. E. corner of 23rd and Wash Sts., Mr. George Archey and Miss Lessie V. Adams and others were present. Mrs. Ingram rendered several pieces on her player piano. The guests enjoyed the selection "Nearer My God To Thee," on the Victrola. Rev. Robinson read from the 136 Ps. "Oh give thanks unto the Lord for He is good."

The "Pioneer New Thought Club," met on its regular weekly meeting. The meeting was opened by the president, and quotations from some of our wittiest of English Poets were said, after which the topic for the evening was discussed, "Should a woman propose," from a general standpoint, by every member of the club. Subject for discussion for next Sunday: "Getting married, How to select a husband, When to select a husband, How to select a wife, When to select a wife." Public invited. Hour of meeting from five to six thirty.

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Mrs. Ellen Fields, of Sedalia, Mo., is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Reed, 3933 Finney.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Denny, 2964 Market St., entertained the 16th Ward, 3rd precinct, workers with a dinner Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Sallie King, 3935a Finney, spent Thanksgiving in Russellville, Ky.

Mrs. Margaret Duvall, 4116 Finney, entertained a few friends with a whist party Monday evening in honor of her birthday.

Miss Consuelo Mansifee and grandmother, Mrs. M. A. Bradshaw, 4179 West Belle, have returned from Chicago, where they have been the guests of relatives several months.

The "Mizpah 500" club met with Mrs. Clara Morton, 3923 Finney, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Morton was pronounced a very good entertainer.

Mrs. C. A. Hancock, of Finney Ave., entertained the Frau Fraus Thursday afternoon. Guests included Mmes. D. E. Gordon, T. James, C. Gates, W. Cathrell and Miss Ethel Robinson of Jefferson City.

Mrs. Robert Porter, mother of the well known Dr. H. Porter of 4358 St. Ferdinand, who has owned and operated a drug store at 36 West 35th St., Chicago for years, left Thanksgiving day to join her husband in Oklahoma after the recent death of her son, Wm. J. Porter.

Miss Ada B. Moore, of 2303 Pine St. remains very ill, and appreciates the many articles sent by her friends.

Mr. H. T. Bowman, editor of the Advance Citizen of Peoria, Ill., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bowman of 1911a Lucas Ave., last week.

Mrs. Annabelle Young of 2915 Belle Ave., is very ill.

Mrs. Victoria Dorsen, of Centralia, Mo., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Patience of 1813 Lucas Ave.

Mrs. Zettie Gooch and Miss Mattie Ware, both of Chicago, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Mattie Gooch 2830 Walnut St. They were highly entertained by Mr. Lucius Jones of Bagy Club and Mrs. Otie Hughes 1017 Whittier St., Tuesday evening, December 4.

Mrs. James Campbell, of 421 S. Harrison Ave., Kirkwood, Mo., entertained Thanksgiving with a delicious dinner. Those present were Mesdames Wm. Mitchell, James Hughes, J. D. Morrow, W. Dooley, B. Hale and Little Odessa Hale of St. Louis.

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Mrs. Jesse Parks Jones of 4447a Cottage Ave., gave a Thanksgiving breakfast in honor of Miss Martha Keys, who has just closed a revival at St. James A. M. E. church.

Mr. Chas. V. Rowland, noted lyric Baritone singer, who has for two years toured the east and Canada with the Patterson Jubilee singers, is visiting his mother Mrs. F. H. Rowland of 4033 Cook Ave.

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Mrs. Hattie L. Green, of Memphis, Tenn., was the guest of Mrs. Payne, of 2121 Lucas Ave., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Wilson, of 919 a N. Ewing spent Thanksgiving in De Soto, Mo., the guests of Mr. Wilson's uncle Mr. K. D. Smith.

Mr. Loyd Saunders, of 4024a West Belle, was called to Lexington, Ky., Sunday on account of the sudden death of his brother Mr. Ed Saunders.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Williams formerly of Pensacola, Florida, are residing at 3122 Lucas Ave.

Mrs. Julia Tinsley, of Princeton, Ky., is the guest of her son, Mr. Chas. Tinsley and daughter, Miss Sarah Tinsley.

Mr. John R. Norwood, Jr., of Santa Barbara, Cal., was the guest of Mr. Joseph L. Loyd, Tuesday.

Mrs. Fannie Sage, of 6 Johnson St., is convalescent after several days' illness.

The marriage of Miss Pearl Kelley and Mr. Callas Strath took place at 8 o'clock Saturday evening at the parsonage of Rev. B. G. Shaw of the A. M. E. Zion Church.

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George Thomas, 5473 St. Louis.....66
Edith Williams, 4272w Cote Brilliante ....2 mos
Rosa Anthony, Kinloch Park, Mo...39
Lavina Freeman, 518 Montrose.21 days
James Powell, 3324 Franklin..........50
John Braden, 3411 Lawton..........45
Anderson Arnold, 207 N. 15th..........52
William Knox, Koch Hospital..........39
Author Brown, Roanoke, Va..........43
Samuel Ferguson, 1538 S. 2nd..........51
Martha Johnson, 1446 O'Fallon..3 mos
John Patterson, 2718 Bernard..........42
Cassie Hamilton, 1519 O'Fallon....41
Luther Bibbs, 2818 Laclede..........47
John H. Thornton, 1914 N. 11th..........27
Mary Murphy, 7714 N. Broadway..76
Pearl Lasley, E. St. Louis, Ill..........1
Alice Hill, 706 N. 23rd..........18
R. B. Patton, E. St. Louis, Ill....2 mos
Golder May Cowen, E. St. Louis, Ill..7
Will Braken, 3512 Lawton..........39
Clarisa Patterson, 117 S. 10th..........49
Lottie M. Johnson, Chicago, Ill..........45
Helen Kelley, Maplewood, Mo..........3
Chas. E. Winston, 2338 Eugenia....53
Wm. Watts, Kinloch, Mo..........45
Fred Norris, 4161 W. Belle..........42
Ruth Alexander, 4147 Fairfax..........1
Ned Owens, 4241 Finney..........38
Neely Smith, 222 Elwood..........79
Richard Hunt, 1531 Lucas..........33
Fred Ivory, 529 S. Ewing..........26
Milton Clark, 2311 Morgan..........21
Susie Grones, 2121 Papin..........28
Cisil Boyd, 3322 LaSalle..........12
John Newton, 1208 Gay..........66
Simpson Neely, 2645 Pine..........25
Clarence Taylor, 4231w N. Market...33
James Tate, 1433 Chestnut..........25
Dorothy Peterson, 1709 Franklin....10
Rudolph Congress, 2617 Walnut....1
James Crones, 2901 Lucas..........39
Earl Jones, 4338 Finney..........6

Mr. John C. Irwin, 4109 Fairfax, died Thursday after a six months' illness. He is survived by a wife, Mrs. Jennie C. Irwin, and daughter, Miss Edna Lee Irwin.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness shown us during the illness and death of our dear sister Mrs. Etta Bracken and brother, Will Bracken, who departed this life Nov. 12, and Nov. 29, 1917, respectively. We wish to especially thank Rev. Dr. Maxwell for his consoling words, and Steinberg Co., and employees for the beautiful floral offerings and condolence. Mrs. Martha Diggs, sister. Mr. Archie Diggs, Brother, 3512 Lawton.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Cecilia Mozee, widow of the late Dr. Theodore R. Mozee, of Chicago, wishes to extend her sincere thanks to the many friends of St. Louis, who sent her messages of condolence during her recent bereavement. Much as she desires to do so, it will be impossible for her to answer them all personally at this time.

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Reeves-Banks Nuptials

A most beautiful wedding was celebrated Thanksgiving morning at 9:30 o'clock at St. Elizabeth Church.

Miss Gladys Inez Reeves a prominent young lady of the younger set was married to Mr. Charles Joseph Banks formerly of Paris, Ill., who has made St. Louis his home for several years.

The Reverend Father McGuire officiated at high mass and also made pleasing remarks during the ceremony. "Promise Me," was beautifully sung by Miss Anetta Micheau, leading soprano of St. Elizabeth choir.

The bride was given away by her grandfather, Mr. Frank B. Reeves. The attendants were Miss May Agee, as bridesmaid and Mr. Oliver B. Terry as best man.

The bride wore a white silk tulle dress, draped with tulle and white satin ribbon over white satin. The veil was caught and draped with orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of rose buds and Lillies of the Valley.

The bridesmaid wore an imported, hand embroidered pongee silk dress, trimmed with silk fringe which caught the sleeves. She carried a bouquet of carnations.

The groom and best man were attired in full dress.

Following the ceremony the bridal party breakfasted at the Market Inn. The father, Mr. William Banks, was host.

The party marched to their respective places to the tune of Mendelssohn's Wedding March. Very high-class music and singing were rendered while the party dined. The party was also entertained at dinner by Mrs. John Moss at her residence 4224 West Garfield Ave., after which many friends were received. All spent a pleasant evening.

The out of town guests were Mrs. Olivia B. Banks, of Terre Haute, Ind., the groom's mother, Mr. Wm. B. Banks the groom's father. Home guests were, mother and grandmother of the bride, and Mrs. B. W. Levaer, the groom's grandmother.

Among the gifts was the bride's trousseau, which was given by Miss Reeve's Employers, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Malone; from the employees was a solid mahogany rocker; with this came a little booklet which the girls composed in honor of the bride, "Gladys Inez," which read as follows:

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D-eep in our hearts to remain sweet and pure.
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S-weet, kind and loving is her friendship so dear.
I-n sunshine or clouds, we have found the same.
N-ow what mortal could ever forget this name.
E-ver will we remember, this name, so true,
Z-ealous and loving—"Gladys Inez"—It is you.

On Monday evening, November 26, 1917, the Catholic Young Ladies' Club, of which Miss Reeves is a member gave a miscellaneous shower at the convent of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, 3013 Pine Street. Miss Pearl Cass served cocoa and cake. Miss Barbara Hudlin was gift bearer.

From various friends the couple recieved very handsome gifts, among them were hand made quilts, a beautiful eight day clock, an electric heater, jewelry, jars of fruit, silverware, chinaware, linen, aluminum ware, cut glass and most everything appropriate for the occasion. The couple thank their many friends for their presence at the ceremony and also their many useful gifts.

The bridal pair will be at home to friends, 4224w Garfield Ave.

Every school will contribute talent to the indoor circus Saturday night.

CARONDELET NOTES

The South End Auxiliary of the Old Folks Home gave the inmates (ten in number) their annual Thanksgiving Dinner last Sunday. The visiting guests were Revs. Watson, F. Bates; Messrs. J. Murphy, N. Smith, J. H. Parker and Mesdames L. Johnson, C. James and Annie J. Allen. Thirty-eight were fed including inmates, visitors and members and many good things were left for them to eat. Much credit should be given this club because they do things.

Miss Gertrude Steele has returned home after an extended visit in Detroit, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Howard and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Officer, Jr., were at home to some of the soldiers Sunday afternoon, Nov. 24, 1917.

The stork made his Thanksgiving visit leaving a baby soldier for Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bradley and a Red Cross nurse for Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bates are temporarily domiciled at Mrs. J. Boone's.

Mrs. Maggie White had a family reunion Thanksgiving Day.

Miss Desdemona Hutt visited in Potosi Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Holt were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Boone Thanksgiving Day.

The Corinthian Baptist Church served its annual Thanksgiving dinner, in fact it was the "L. W. Fields Thanksgiving Memorial Feast." A literary program and sermon preceded the dinner. The honored guests were eleven soldiers in charge of Sergt. Hayes, Rev. Z. P. Harris and Mrs. L. W. Fields. Rev. Bates was all smiles while they feasted on a real turkey-goose dinner and all good things. Besides feeding all present, nine baskets were sent to the sick and poor, aged members. Much credit should be given Mr. Geo. Berry, the chairman, for the successful management.

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Mrs. S. E. Taylor, of 4179 West Belle Pl., spent a very pleasant Thanksgiving with her sister Mrs. Cayce at Fredericktown, Mo.

Mrs. Nannie E. Dickson Jewell, widow of the late Ewing Jewell, after traveling five months in western and eastern Canada, has returned to the city. She has been reinstated by the St. Louis school board and is now one of the Dessalines corps.

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Frank E. McClain, of 4156 Fairfax, has enlisted in the 8th Illinois Infantry and left Jefferson Barracks Tuesday, December 4th, for Camp Logan at Houston, Texas.

Mr. Wm. Conway of Camden, Miss., is visting his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Givens of 2834 Walnut St., whom he has not seen for 28 years, and would be pleased to see his many friends.

Prof. R. W. Lowe, of 2348 Chesnut St., watch-maker and jeweler, has returned from a three months' vacation south, with his moving picture exhibition.

Mrs. Wm. Banks, who is in the Hair Culturing business at Detroit, will arrive in St. Louis Sunday to spend a few days with her husband at 4957 McPherson Ave. 'Phone Forest 1098-W.

Mrs. Ilene Taylor, of S. 22nd St., left Thursday morning to visit her mother and relatives at Jackson, Miss.

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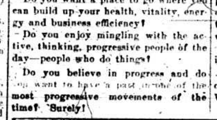
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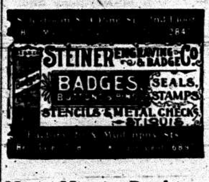
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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 9

EZRA AND NEHEMIAH TEACH THE LAW.

LESSON TEXT—Nehemiah 8:1, 4, 5, 6, 8-12. Read entire chapter.

GOLDEN TEXT—Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.—Ps. 119:105.

The first day of the seventh month (8:2) was about October 444 B. C. Seven days feast (vv. 15-18) was the feast of the Tabernacles beginning the 15th of the seventh month (October) and continuing for seven or eight days (Lev. 23). Nehemiah was the governor; Ezra the scribe, chief priest; and Artaxerxes, king of Persia, ruler over Palestine. It would be interesting to look up the sudden interjection of Ezra's name into this discourse; also the special reasons for teaching the Bible. There is in this chapter a record of a full week and of the daily events of that week.

I. The Preparation. Go back to verse 70 of the preceding chapter, and you will find that the temple had just been receiving some large gifts. The task of finishing the wall was also completed, all of which gives point to verse one, where it says that the people gathered themselves together as one man. This was an ancient open-air meeting, one we do well to study. The people requested Ezra to "bring the book." It needed no catch-penny operations to draw the crowd together. The writer of Nehemiah calls the book "the law which the Lord hath commanded unto Moses." (See v. 1 cf. v. 14.) This, of course, would include Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, an indication as to the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch, which is in line with the statement that Jesus Christ made that it was God who had written it as he had commanded Moses. It was not a mob; there was organization and equipment. (See v. 3 and 4.) The Bible was also read so that the people could understand it (v. 2); certainly something that is in demand in our present day. Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he stood on an elevation above them (v. 5) and read "distinctly."

II. The Reading of the Word. They read the book, not from some commentary or quarterly, though these have value in their place. The reading began with reverence. Reverence for but not a worship of the book. The Bible is not a fetish or a charm against sickness or accident. The verse "caused the people to understand the law," (v. 7) probably means that is was translated into the vernacular, the language of the common people. While God's word is a plain book and easy to read, nevertheless men of spiritual understanding are needed to "rightly divide" it unto the people (v. 7). However, the great interpreter of the Bible given by the Father is the Holy Spirit himself (John 16:12-15; I John 2:20-27). This method of beginning the study of the word and its continuance as presented in these verses is a good suggestion for modern Sunday school workers.

III. The Hearing of the Word. (vv. 9-17). As Ezra and Nehemiah and their associates and Levites taught the people, there was a five-fold result. First: There was conviction and mourning. The word of God always convicts of sin, but the people were told not to mourn over the past, nor were they to weep, for all the people wept (v. 9). When men hear the words of the law there will be conviction of sin. (See Eph. 6:7; Heb. 4:12.) Weeping may not, however, be conviction (2 Cor. 7:10). Weeping weakens, but that was not designed, rather the exhilaration of joy. Moreover, they were to seek the refreshment of food and drink. Indeed, the joy of the Lord was to be their strength (v. 10). "And there was very great gladness" (v. 17). In verse 11 we are told that the Levites exhorted the people to hold their peace, that the day was holy and that they should be grieved. To this the people responded (v. 12), and made great mirth, because they had understood the declaration of the word of the Lord. Notice that joy and gladness came after obedience, also that Nehemiah, the governor, had a part in the teaching. It is a great thing for any people when their civil rulers are genuine, intelligent, and spiritual leaders. The people were instructed to show their gratitude as well as their piety by remembering "those for whom nothing had been prepared" (v. 10). The fourth result was peace (v. 11)—the peace of right relation with God (Rom. 5: 1; Phil. 4:7).

Fifth Result: Service.

Mourning can very easily be continued too long, and, therefore, it was necessary to employ the emotion of mirth and the exercise of work that the people might enter into this peace. The fifth result, therefore, was service (v. 12). Notice that their thanksgiving portions and their service were based upon an intelligent knowledge of God's word. If there is anything that present-day social service needs, it is the illumination which comes from a knowledge of God's word. Last of all, worship (vv. 13-18). Worship is a compound of "worth" and "ship."

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Sid Perrin, the [illegible] comedian, offers a Chinese [illegible] impersonation. His [illegible] "Ching Ching Chinaman" [illegible] Yaka Hula [illegible] Yaka Dula" and [illegible] to Lick the Kaiser" [illegible] brogue. He plays [illegible] fiddle and also [illegible] and closes with an [illegible] buck dance that makes [illegible] hit.

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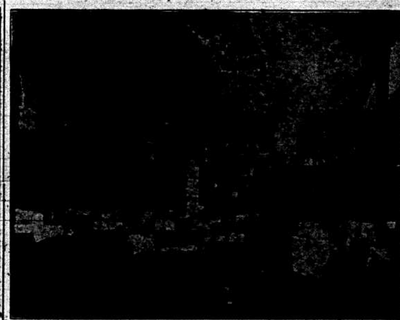
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